



COUNCIL DISTRICT

# FRYE LIGHTS

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## A message from Donna

Happy New Year! As 2010 gets under way, my staff and I want to thank all of you who have made it a true honor to represent District Six.

In what has become an annual tradition, *Frye Lights* this month showcases photographs that recapture some of the people and events that made 2009 a memorable year in our part of San Diego.

Here's wishing you all the best, and a healthy and joyful year ahead.



Serving

Bay Ho

Bay Park

Birdland

De Anza

Clairemont

Kearny Mesa

Linda Vista

Mission Valley

Mission Bay Park

Mission Village

Morena

Serra Mesa



**Jan. 16:** Donna greeted 92-year-old Helen McGirr of Clairemont at the inauguration of ITNSanDiego, a 24/7 transportation program for seniors and visually impaired adults. For more information about the low-cost service, call (619) 282-0073.

**Jan. 17:** Donna helped ring in the "Year of the Ox" at various January celebrations hosted by the Vietnamese community. At the Vietnamese Federation's Tet New Year's celebration in Mira Mesa, a color guard proudly displayed flags, and Councilmember Frye issued a proclamation in recognition of the colorful event.



**Jan. 20:** The District Six staff celebrated the inauguration of President Barack Obama, watching the historic ceremony at the Malcolm X Library in Encanto. Donna and Skip Frye then hosted lunch at a restaurant nearby to commemorate the event.

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**March 4:** Donna received an award and was a featured speaker at the opening ceremony for a peace exhibit at City Hall. The exhibit, “Seeds of Change: The Earth Charter and Human Potential,” was presented by the Soka Gakkai International Buddhist Association for Peace, Culture and Education. It is intended to illustrate the human potential for positive global change.



**March 7:** Donna signed a ball for an appreciative young athlete on opening day of the Clairemont Hilltoppers Little League at the Cadman Recreation Center

**March 25:** Donna joined Mesa College officials and other dignitaries in hailing the opening of a 1,100-space parking structure on the campus straddling Clairemont and Linda Vista. Nearly 20 years in the making, the \$31 million structure, funded by a voter-approved bond, houses a new campus police station and MTS transit stop.



**April 3:** More than 80 volunteers turned out to help paint a river-themed mural on a block wall in a small parking lot on the San Diego River’s northern bank at Mission Center Road and Hazard Center Drive.





**April 18:** Nature lovers were in their glory at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canyon Day, celebrating the ecological wonders of Tecolote Canyon. Groups of hikers learned about birds and plants and geology common to San Diego urban canyons on guided tours. An added delight was a tour of the burgeoning organic garden at Mesa College, which was the event's main sponsor.

**April 25:** Donna, her staff and Clairemont community leaders helped residents fill three dumpsters with debris at a neighborhood cleanup event. Assisting were members of the Clairemont Community News, the Clairemont Chamber Commerce and the Clairemont Town Council.



## Help the environment by recycling that tree

A great way to start the New Year off green is to recycle that crispy Christmas tree before it turns brown. The City of San Diego is offering free tree-recycling through Jan. 23 – curbside or at numerous drop-off sites – in an annual program now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year.

“We encourage all those who celebrate the holidays with a Christmas tree to participate in our recycling program,” said Chris Gonaver, San Diego Environmental Services Department director. “By recycling their trees, residents help reduce the amount of material in the landfill and give holiday trees a second life as compost, mulch or wood chips.”

Residents who have yard-waste collection service in their neighborhood can put their trees out at the curb on pick-up days. For everyone else, trees can be left at any of 16 drop-off sites citywide. For a list and other information, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/christmas.shtml>.

Before leaving trees for pick-up, owners should remove all lights, stands, tinsel, ornaments and other decorations. (Fake-snow flocking is acceptable.) Nothing other than trees should be left at drop-off sites.

Last year, some 146,000 Christmas trees totaling 1,241 tons were collected, said Environmental Services spokesman Dennis Williams.

“The city trucks them over to the Miramar Greenery at the Miramar Landfill, where they’re recycled into useful products,” he said. “That extends the life of the landfill.”

All year long, residents can help the environment by taking tree or brush trimmings and other green waste to the landfill’s Miramar Greenery, 5180 Convoy St., just north of state Route 52. They can also self-load up to two cubic yards of compost, mulch or wood-chips for free, with proof of San Diego residency. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. weekends.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Environmental Services at (858) 694-7000 or the Miramar Landfill at (858) 492-6100.



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**April 25:** Linda Vista celebrated its richness and diversity with its annual Multi-Cultural Fair & Parade. Donna joined school kids and marching bands, beauty-contest winners a wide variety of proud representatives of ethnic groups in a lively stroll down Linda Vista Road. There were rides for the kids, dozens of arts & crafts booths for their parents and plenty of food and refreshments for everybody.



**April 26:** Councilmember Frye and hundreds of others attended the “Servapalooza” festival in Balboa Park. The event celebrating Global Youth Service Day was organized by Kids for Peace, Volunteer San Diego and eXcel Youth Zone.

**May 1:** Councilmember Frye visited her alma mater, Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School for its Third Annual HERO Run to encourage student athleticism. What began as a vision of several moms has now grown into a premier Clairemont community event, promoting fitness, wellness and active families.



**May 9:** San Diego River Coalition leaders Rob Hutsel and Kathy Keehan pumped up participants who were about to embark on a 10-mile bike ride from Ocean Beach to Mission Valley as part of the opening events of the Coalition’s annual San Diego River Days festivities.



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**May 15:** Donna was among hundreds of enthusiastic supporters attending the Golden Scissors Fashion Show and Awards Gala at the Town & Country Hotel in Mission Valley. The event showcases designs by students in Mesa College's fashion program.



**May 22:** At Linda Vista's Bayside Community Center, instructor Rebecca Chung led Tai Chi classes as part of the center's Senior STEPS program. The program provides a range of services to senior citizens, including hot lunches, live music and dancing, multilingual in-home care or help managing finances and the public-transit system.

**May 30:** Donna joined the large and grateful family of John and Lucinda Hughes (left center), who got a big helping hand from a local charity and its business partners. The Serra Mesa couple, who helped numerous foster children over the years but who last year were beset with health and monetary woes, were recipients of a home-rehabilitation project spearheaded by Rebuilding Together San Diego. The family got a truckload of new furnishings from Real Deal Furniture and Sears Holding Corp., and a long list of home and yard upgrades done for free by members of local painting, drywall and electrical unions.



## Contest offers prizes for environmental videos



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is offering cash prizes in a competition for short, creative videos highlighting reuse, recycling and reducing consumption.

Entries for the contest, "Our Planet, Our Stuff, Our Choice," should be 30 to 60 seconds long and must be submitted by Feb. 16.

Three prizes of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 will be awarded, along with two prizes of \$500 to students age 13 to 18. Winners will be announced in April, in time for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day.

For additional information, visit <http://bit.ly/5Vh1Gw>.

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**June 13:** Councilmember Frye joined Mayor Jerry Sanders and a certain beloved clown at the reopening of the Ronald McDonald House of San Diego. The Serra Mesa facility has 47 guest rooms available for use by families with children being treated at nearby hospitals.



**June 25:** Donna was delighted to help unveil three huge mosaics that now adorn the reception area of venerable Bayside Community Center in Linda Vista. The murals, presented at a crowded gala, depict important milestones and symbols in the history of the Linda Vista community.

**June 26:** Commemorating the long-awaited opening of a bike path through the Mission Valley Preserve, Donna was joined by (from left) Michael Nelson, executive director of the San Diego River Conservancy; Councilmember Kevin Faulconer; and Conservancy board member Ben Clay.



**July 14:** Two outstanding high school students, Saira Roshnaye and Dylan Morales, were recommended by Councilmember Frye, nominated by Mayor Jerry Sanders and confirmed by the City Council to represent District Six on the San Diego Youth Commission.



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**July 21:** Councilmember Frye sent commendations to pilots of the National Air College at Montgomery Field in Serra Mesa who hosted the organization Reach for Tomorrow. The non-profit, based in Virginia, offered visiting teens an aerial tour of San Diego as part of its mission to show them the importance of continuing education beyond high school.



**July 27:** Donna congratulated Dung Nguyen and other top scholars honored as Outstanding Vietnamese-American High School students. The event was sponsored by the Vietnamese Federation of San Diego.



**July 29:** Joining Councilmember Frye in hailing the reopening of a pedestrian tunnel under Friars Road in Mission Valley were Councilmember Todd Gloria, City Attorney Jan Goldsmith and other City officials.

**Aug. 1:** Donna joined hundreds of revelers at the annual Clairemont Family Day. There were rides and ponies, live entertainers, children's crafts, plenty of food and non-stop fun.





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**Aug. 7:** Scores of kids devoted a week of their summer vacation to learning about the world of business at the Junior Achievement mock-city facility in Mission Valley. The mini-city, built through sponsorships from local businesses, lets kids from elementary to high school try their hands at various jobs.



**Sept. 12:** Donna was proud to meet members of Serra Mesa Girl Scout Troop 3359, winners of the coveted "spirit stick" award, at Serra Mesa Family Day..



**Sept. 25:** Shoppers from Mission Valley and neighboring communities enjoyed the variety of fresh produce and other offerings at the newly opened certified Farmers Market at Westfield Mission Valley Mall.

**Sept. 26:** The Aloha (love) and Ohana (family) spirit were on grand display at the Pacific Islander Festival at Ski Beach in Mission Bay Park. Donna was on hand to help celebrate the festival's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.





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**Oct. 3:** A sparkling day greeted eager soccer players and their families at the Second Annual Linda Vista Cup. About 150 boys and girls, ages 6 to 18 from throughout the richly diverse area, competed for trophies and prizes in the event designed to foster sportsmanship and a sense of community.



**Oct. 10:** Sponge Bob Square Pants led a joyous parade of children and adults at the South Clairemont Recreation Center. Scores came to celebrate the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the community's founding.

**Oct. 13:** Hundreds of wide-eyed children and curious adults learned about basket-weaving, snakes and other canyon dwellers, and about all sorts of things that grow wild at the Tecolote Nature Center's annual Baskets & Botany event.



**Oct. 24:** More than 80 volunteers participated in a cleanup of the San Diego River. Crews have now collected a million pounds of trash in such events dating back many years and organized by the San Diego River Park Foundation. The organization, a partner of the San Diego River Conservancy (whose board is chaired by Donna Frye), collects between 4,000 and 5,000 pounds of trash from the shoreline in each cleanup event.



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[www.vuefinderphotography.com](http://www.vuefinderphotography.com)

**Dec. 17:** Donna joined City engineers to discuss Clairemont Drive traffic-calming measures at a Clairemont community meeting.

**Dec. 19:** Donna shared a tender moment with photographer Catie Stephens at a Clairemont holiday gathering hosted by K-Co Construction.



**Dec. 19:** Scores of volunteers cleared acres of bamboo and other invasive plants from the San Diego River banks near the Mission Valley YMCA in a cleanup coordinated by the Friends of Mission Valley Preserve.





## Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush/Weed Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
<b>Code Violations</b>	<b>619-236-5500</b>
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
<b>Graffiti</b>	<b>619-525-8522</b>
<b>Hazardous Materials Hotline</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
Mission Valley	858-573-5000
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-685-1390
Park and Recreation	619-525-8219
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>619-236-7145</b>
<b>Police: Non-Emergency</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Pot Hole Hotline</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
Recreation Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858-573-1387
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9933
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	858-565-2473
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
<b>Sidewalk Maintenance</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Social Services Information</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Stormwater Pollution Hotline</b>	<b>619-235-1000</b>
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
<b>Tree Maintenance</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
Waste Reduction & Disposal	858-492-5010
<b>Water Emergency</b>	<b>619-515-3525</b>
<b>Water Utilities</b>	<b>619-515-3500</b>
Zoning Regulation Information	619-236-5555

## *District Six Community Meetings*

### **Clairemont Town Council**, <http://www.clairemontonline.com/>

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria  
4150 Ute Drive  
When: 1st Thursday/Month  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

### **Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee**

Place: LiveWell San Diego (formerly Clairemont Senior Friendship Center)  
4425 Bannock Ave.  
When: 3rd Tuesday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Kearny Mesa Planning Group**

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 3rd Wednesday/Month  
Time: 12:00 p.m.

### **Linda Vista Town Council**

Place: Baha'i Center  
6545 Alcala Knolls Drive  
When: 3rd Thursday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Linda Vista Planning Group**

Place: Linda Vista Library  
2160 Ulric Street  
When: 4th Monday/Month  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

### **Mission Bay Park Committee**

Place: Rotating Venue  
When: 1st Tuesday/Month  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

### **Mission Valley Community Council**

Place: Mission Valley Library  
2123 Fenton Parkway  
When: 3rd Monday/Odd Months  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Mission Valley Planning Group**

Place: Mission Valley Library  
2123 Fenton Parkway  
When: 1st Wednesday/Month  
Time: 12:00 p.m.

### **Serra Mesa Community Council**, [www.serramesa.org](http://www.serramesa.org)

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 4th Wednesday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Serra Mesa Planning Group**

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 3rd Thursday/Month  
Time: 7:00 p.m.



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